

Alexandria Gazette.

Local Matters.

Sun rises tomorrow at 5:28 and sets 6:32. High water at 11:46 a. m. and 12:03 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section partly cloudy tonight and Friday, with occasional showers; light southeast to south winds.

Tournament at Marshall Hall.

A large concourse of people (including many Alexandrians) witnessed the twentieth annual tournament at Marshall Hall yesterday afternoon. The riding was superb. Many ties had to be decided before the lucky ones were finally announced. The honors of the day went to Lucien D. Love, the knight of Maryland, of Piscataway, Md., who won the right to crown the queen of love and beauty. Two other Marylanders were winners, G. B. Blandford, knight of Accokeek, Accokeek, Md., his brother, S. S. Blandford, knight of Prince George, of Piscataway, Md., who earned the right to crown the second and third maids of honor. Virginia and the District of Columbia, too, were in the honors, T. H. Head, of Munson's Hill, Va., getting the privilege to crown the first maid and W. L. Harrison, of Washington, the fourth maid. After an oration at 8 o'clock in the evening by Charles I. Simms, of Virginia, the crowning and a ball took place. The names of the riders and their titles were: L. D. Love, knight of Maryland; T. H. Head, knight of Munson Hill; G. B. Blandford, knight of Accokeek; J. S. Blandford, knight of Prince George; W. L. Harrison, knight of Washington Boy; W. L. Clark, knight of Virginia Boy; J. S. Bryan, knight of the Tenth; T. Gates, knight of River View; D. Blandford, knight of St. George; H. E. Keller, knight of Keilworth; J. S. Adams, knight of Laurel; A. M. Sullivan, knight of Laurel; S. R. A. Hoos, knight of King George; W. H. Mudd, knight of Ivanhoe; B. Brashers, knight of Burtons-ville. Among the officials was Mr. George Ferguson, of Virginia.

Elected Major.

The Third Battalion of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, composed of Companies C, D, G and L, of Richmond, Charlottesville, Alexandria and Fredericksburg, in Richmond last night elected Capt. James E. King, of Alexandria, major. Two meetings were held. At the first one Maj. Smith was re-elected, but he telegraphed that he could not accept because of his business. Capt. King was then chosen. Capt. King is now commanding officer of the Alexandria Light Infantry and his promotion will necessitate the election of a captain for the Light Infantry to fill the vacancy.

In its account of the election of Major King the Richmond-Times-Dispatch says: "The officers had held a meeting at 5 p. m., at which Major Smith was re-elected, despite his declination. Later a message was received from him stating his inability to serve the regiment as a battalion commander. Then it was that Captain King, the senior captain of the State, was nominated and elected. Captain King is perhaps the finest looking man in the regiment, possessing a striking physique. He is an excellent officer, having served the Light Infantry since the reorganization of the command after the Spanish-American war. He was the first captain to receive his commission under the new military regime. Company G, of Alexandria, must now meet and elect a captain to succeed Major King. It is likely that Lieutenant Cochran or Lieutenant Slaymaker will succeed to the captaincy, promotion being the usual custom, and that a non-commissioned officer will be elevated to the position thus vacated."

Personal.

The steamers Carpathia and Baltic, from Liverpool, arrived in New York today. Mr. E. B. Taylor of this city was a passenger on the Carpathia.

Mrs. C. C. Carlin has returned from Warrenton where she spent a part of the summer.

Miss Lily Alexander is the guest of Miss Josephine Maddox in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. J. H. D. Smoot, who was reported quite ill some weeks ago, is somewhat improved, and is now staying with her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Burch. Mrs. Kate Taylor, of Alexandria, has returned to her home, after spending quite a while with Mrs. F. M. Burch.—[Clarke Courier.

Mrs. S. M. Young, of Charlottesville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Carter, on Prince street.

Mrs. Ruth Grubb (nee Ballenger), formerly of this city, is seriously ill at her home in Purcellville.

Mr. C. J. W. Summers has returned from a pleasant visit to Maryland.

Mr. Fred Schwab left today for ten days recreation which he will seek with friends from Baltimore at summer resorts on the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. J. A. Marshall and family have returned from Cold Sulphur Springs.

Mr. E. L. Dangerfield and family have returned from Magnolia, Mass.

Police Court.

[Justice Jos. S. Beach presiding.] The following cases were disposed of this morning:

George Harper, arrested by Officer Arrington charged with being drunk in street, was dismissed.

William O'Hein, arrested by Officer Allen for being drunk and disorderly, was dismissed.

Hence Washington, colored, arrested by Officers Maynew and Lyles charged with drunken and disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.

Luvina Payne, colored, arrested by Officers Maynew and Lyles charged with drunken and disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.

Oscar Harris, colored, arrested by Officer Lyles charged with assaulting Maggie Bell, forfeited \$5 by failing to appear.

Sarah Levi, charged with conducting business without a license, was fined \$10.

Lodge Dedication.

As heretofore stated, Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons will go to The Plains tomorrow morning at 7:50 o'clock to dedicate the new building of Cochrane Lodge, No. 271, of that place.

Judge R. T. W. Duke, P. G. M., will be the orator of the day. Congressman Rixey and others will speak.

The schooner Silver Star, loaded with lumber by Smoot & Co., has sailed for Aquia creek.

NEW CITY GOVERNMENT.

Inauguration of Mayor Paff—Re-election of Mr. J. T. Sweeney President of the Board of Aldermen with Mr. J. R. N. Curtin Vice President—Mr. Hubert Snowden Chosen President of the Common Council and Mr. L. E. Uhler Vice President—All Subordinate Officers Re-elected.



Mayor Frederick J. Paff.

A large concourse of people gathered at the City Hall at noon today to witness the proceedings incident to the organization of the new Board of Aldermen and Common Council and the inauguration of Mr. Frederick J. Paff as Mayor to succeed Mr. George L. Simpson. Most of the members of the two branches of Council were present in their respective chambers when the clock in the steeple began to strike the hour of high noon.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Messrs. N. P. T. Burke, of the First ward; F. F. Marbury, of the Second; J. R. N. Curtin and Samuel P. Fisher of the Third, and J. T. and W. H. Sweeney, of the Fourth, were present. Mr. W. W. Ballenger, of the Second ward, was absent, he being at present on an excursion trip to California, and Mr. J. M. Hill was out of the city. A beautiful bouquet of flowers adorned Mr. Fisher's desk.

When the members had been called to order the clerk stated that the first business in order would be the election of a President.

Mr. Marbury nominated Mr. J. T. Sweeney.

Mr. Burke seconded the nomination and Mr. Sweeney was unanimously elected. The latter in a few pertinent remarks thanked the members for a continuation of their confidence and expressed his intention of doing all in his power for the city's interests.

Justice Beach then administered the oath of office to Mr. Sweeney, after which he swore in the members.

Mr. J. R. N. Curtin was then unanimously elected Vice President. He, too, tendered his thanks for the honor bestowed in a few well-timed remarks.

Mr. W. H. Sweeney nominated Mr. Luther H. Thompson for clerk. Mr. Burke seconded the nomination, and Mr. Thompson was re-elected by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Marbury nominated Mr. George W. Schafer for Messenger. He was also re-elected by a unanimous vote. The clerk and messenger each tendered his thanks to the board.

The drawing for the long and short terms was then proceeded with.

In the First ward Mr. Hill was declared entitled to the four-year term; in the Second Mr. Ballenger; in the Third Mr. Fisher, and in the Fourth Mr. W. H. Sweeney. Those who will serve two years are Mr. Burke of the First; Mr. Marbury of the Second; Mr. Curtin of the Third, and Mr. J. T. Sweeney of the Fourth.

Mr. W. H. Sweeney was then requested to inform the Common Council that the Aldermen were organized and ready for business.

A message was subsequently received from the lower board inviting the members of the board to a joint session for the purpose of witnessing the inauguration of the Mayor-elect.

Upon their return a resolution was received from the lower board providing that all papers and matters referred to committees of the late Council be continued with the new committees when they shall have been appointed. The action of the lower board was concurred in, after which the Aldermen adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The clerk, Mr. D. R. Stansbury, called the board to order a few minutes after the town clock struck twelve.

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Mr. Burke nominated Hubert Snowden.

Ex-Mayor Strauss in seconding the nomination paid a high compliment to Mr. Snowden.

Upon a viva voce vote Mr. Snowden was unanimously elected.

In accepting the position Mr. Snowden said:

"For this mark of preference, I return my sincere thanks, and hope that no act of mine will ever cause a single member to regret the support he has so generously given me today. I dedicate myself upon my unanimous election, because it was not through the support, but despite the opposition and important interference of a few weak, designing outsiders who, for their own ends, but under cover, endeavored to control the organization of this body—a matter resting entirely with the sixteen members. Such outside interference should be frowned upon by every self-respecting member of Council. As your presiding officer I will see to the line of right as I see it regardless as to who is pleased or who is displeased. I claim my every right as a member of Council, and will see that every other member is accorded his fully. My only promise is that I will be fair and impartial and my guiding influence will be the welfare of Alexandria and the advancement of the city's interests. In my endeavors in this direction I ask your earnest co-operation and support. Again, thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, and for the kind words just said of me, I am now ready to take the oath of office."

Mr. Snowden was then sworn into office by Justice Jos. S. Beach.

The members of the Council then advanced and took the oath of office at the hands of the President of Council.

The election of Vice-President was next in order.

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Henry Strauss, who declined and nominated Mr. L. E. Uhler.

Mr. Uhler urged that some younger member be selected, but his suggestion was overruled and he was unanimously elected on a viva voce vote.

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